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Congress will meet next month, and the country will again become politically agitated.

America is long on crops and short on troubles, whereas Europe is short on crops and long on troubles.

It is going to be difficult for the "times to be better in the spring" in Kansas without times bordering dangerously near the despised and hated boom, says the Wichita Eagle.

Pittsburg dispatches announce that every blast furnace in Allegheny county is at work for the first time in three years, and that more furnaces are now in operation in that section than ever before.

The Santa Fe has ordered 250 new refrigerator cars from the Wells & French Car company of Chicago. They will cost \$800 each. About half the cars will be used to handle the Kansas dairy products.

An exchange says that according to the signs of the corn field prophet we are to have another open winter. The husks of the corn are short and the ears as a rule are unprotected at the ends, which is to signify that a heavy overcoat will not be needed.

There is an increasing foreign demand for American live stock; but common or poor stock cannot compete successfully with the world's product in other markets and the premium is only on choicest stock. We cannot have too good stock for export demand.

The Republicans of Kansas in this year's election gained 2089 in one judicial district, 2497 in another, and estimate that they would have carried the state by 20,000 in a general election. Kansas has evidently withdrawn from the Bryan column.—Globe Democrat.

"We want no boom," said a Wichita man yesterday. "All right," said the real estate man. "Suppose, then, you let me sell your property for what you held it a month ago." And the man who wanted no boom said "Nit," and turned on his heel.—Eagle.

The creamery will pay 20 cents per pound for butter fat this month making the milk of good cows worth in the neighborhood of \$1.00 per 100 pounds. Our farmers are beginning to see the importance of fresh cows in the fall giving the fullest flow at a time when butter is at its highest price.—Kinsley Mercury.

A country newspaper can no longer exist as the mere organ of a party, clique, ring or faction. It must be operated as a business enterprise, winning the esteem of its reading patrons by faithfulness to public interests and the merit and attractiveness of its columns, and securing the confidence and support of advertisers by the extent and character of its circulation.

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton of Sutter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me with a cough and I was expectorating all the time. The Remedy cured me, and I want all of my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good." Sold by W. F. FINE, City Drug Store.

When a person is compelled ask a merchant for credit and has run an account of greater or less amount, it is the honorable thing to do when he has any cash to spend at all, to spend it with that merchant who has thus befriended him. There are too many who "stand off" one grocer for all they can, and at the same time buy of other men in the same line and pay them cash for goods. This is not fair and should not be done.

Revenue is increasing and the treasury gold fund keeps on rising. There is still a gap between the government's income and its outgo, but it is getting narrower. From present indications the revenue is likely to meet the expenditure before the winter ends. All this is highly encouraging. In 1897, for the first time in five or six years, treasury conditions are a stimulant and not a menace to general business.—Globe Democrat.

Nie Mayrath of Ford county has written a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Coburn, saying the "General" has visited that part of the world and every farmer in the county can pay off his debts and have money to live on the next twelve months. He adds: "The price of cattle is away out of sight. Prices of certain farm products are higher at Dodge City than in Kansas City or even Chicago, because of home demand, and not on account of the bubonic plague in India."—Leavenworth Times.

Railroad earnings in August, September and October have shown a large gain in nearly every case over the corresponding months of last year. The increase in October earnings was about \$5,000,000 over that of last year, while those of August and September were even larger, thus justifying the attitude of the great army of railroad employees who last year cast their votes with the party of sound money and protection, irrespective of what their former party relations had been.

"A soldier in the regular army," a Western Kansas paper, "commenting on the strength of an Indian's love for whisky, said: 'They are the biggest fools you ever saw. I came across a buck one day on the plains and he asked me if I had any whisky. I shook the canteen and told him there was only one drink there. He insisted on having it, and offered his rifle for it. Finally he got mad because I refused to take the rifle and his pony. You never saw such fools. Why didn't I make the trade? I would but you see that was the only drink I had.'"

The story from Larned telegraphed all over the country, in which it was stated that the town of Rozel had sunk, but "no lives were lost," was a pure fabrication of the worst sort. The inventor of the story duplicated his imagination with an account of the finding of eyeless fish in the water in the sunken hole. Larned has not had a sensation since the Rush-Vandivert trouble, and the town was almost out of sight. Larned once enjoyed a great reputation, and it is to revive its recollection that sensational stories are produced. A great religious revival is now going on in the town and many people are being converted. It is hoped that the good work will continue until the great fabricator of yarns is caught and made to repent.

Prairie fires are in season. The grass is dry and inflammable. A light spark will ignite it; and if the grass catches fire during a high wind there is no telling where the fire will end nor the extent of the damages, for there is practically no protection against the ravages of the flames. Fire guards have been neglected in many parts of the county, and much property is in danger. Owners of cattle depending on the range for much of the winter feeding ought to look after the plowing and burning of fireguards near their ranges. In the Panhandle of Texas the stockmen have ample guards, provided in a systematic way, and the great extent of danger is avoided. The people of Ford county need not be told of their duty in the premises, but a kindly notice of the danger ought to be heeded.

## Sixteen Cattle Roasted to Death in a Car.

Sixteen head of cattle were roasted alive in a Santa Fe cattle car at Wakarusa station Sunday night. The bellowing of the tortured beasts was heard for miles and had the effect of attracting the entire inhabitants of the surrounding country to the scene.

The cattle were loaded at Reading station for Chicago, and were in the middle of stock express No. 36, due at Topeka at 11 p. m. As the train neared Wakarusa the bedding of the car was discovered to be on fire. All possible speed was made to reach the water tank at Wakarusa, but by the time the train stopped at the tank the flames were beyond control in one car, while the fire had spread to the stock cars on either end.

The burning car was uncoupled from the rest of the train and efforts of the trainmen were directed to saving the other two cars and their animal contents. The cars were broken open and the cattle allowed to escape while the fire in these two cars was extinguished. For almost an hour scores of spectators watched sixteen head of cattle in the isolated car slowly roasted to death. The entire woodwork of the car was wholly consumed and every one of the sixteen steers was burned to a blackened mass.

Passengers arriving at Chicago by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R'y can, by the new Union Elevated Loop, reach any part of the city, or for a five cent fare can be taken immediately to any of the large stores in the downtown district. A train will stop at the Rock Island Station every minute. These facilities can only be afforded by the "Great Rock Island Route."

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1. All subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered wishing to continue their subscription.  
2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodical the publisher may continue to send it until all arrears are paid.  
3. If subscribers refuse or neglect to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are responsible until they settle their bills and order them discontinued.  
4. Subscribers moving to other places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, they are held responsible.  
5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intended fraud.  
6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time that they do not wish to continue taking it, and the subscriber will be responsible until an express notice with all arrears are sent to the publisher.  
7. The latest postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest anyone for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it.  
Under the law the man who allows his subscription to run along some time unpaid, and then orders the pretmaster to mark it "refused" and have a postal card sent notifying the publisher, leaves himself liable to arrest and fine, the same as for theft.

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## TAX FOR 1897.

## County Treasurer's Notice to Tax Payers.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER,  
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS, NOV. 1, 1897.  
Notice is hereby given that the tax roll for the year 1897, for Ford county, are now in my hands, and I am ready to receive taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the rate of taxation for said year on each one dollar of taxable property.  
A. RUSSELL, County Treasurer.

Rate of tax levied in Ford County, Kansas, on each \$1.00 valuation, for the year 1897:  
STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

	MILLS.
State Tax	3.50
County Tax	5.00
County Tax, general fund	10.00
Refunding bonds, interest	1.00
A. & C. R. R. Bonds, interest	2.00
Bridge bonds, interest	3.00
CITY AND TOWNSHIP TAX.	
Dodge City, general revenue	5.00
Fire protection and water	4.00
Outstanding bond, interest	5.00
Sinking fund	2.00
Street purposes	1.00
Ford City, general revenue	8.00
Spearville City, general revenue	3.00
Coal bonds, interest	3.00
" " sinking	3.00

## TOWNSHIP TAX.

	MILLS.
Bloom Township, general fund	2.50
Buchita " " "	1.00
Concord " " "	1.00
Dodge " " "	1.00
Fairview " " "	4.00
E. B. bonds, interest	2.50
Road and bridge	1.00
Ford Township, general fund	.50
Refunding bonds, interest	6.00
Grandview Township, general fund	15.00
Road fund	2.00
Royal Township, general fund	5.00
Richland Township, general fund	5.00
Road fund	15.00
Sodville Township, general fund	3.00
Spearville " " "	3.00
Wheatland " " "	4.00
Wilburn " " "	.50

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.

NO. OF DISTRICT.	General.	Interest.	Sinking.	Total.
1 Joint F. & M.	20.00	4.00	5.00	29.00
2	15.00	3.00	1.00	19.00
3	7.00			7.00
4	10.00			10.00
5	20.00	2.00	2.50	24.50
6	12.00	2.00	4.00	18.00
7	10.00			10.00
8	15.00			15.00
9	10.00			10.00
10	12.00			12.00
11	6.00			6.00
12	1.00	3.00		4.00
13	20.00			20.00
14	14.00			14.00
15	7.00			7.00
16	10.00			10.00
17	7.50			7.50
18	8.00			8.00
19	15.00			15.00
20	18.00	5.00		23.00
21	18.00	5.00		23.00
22	20.00	1.00	2.00	23.00
23	20.00	1.00	2.00	23.00
24	5.00			5.00
25	15.00			15.00
26	9.00			9.00
27	10.00	5.00		15.00
28	20.00	2.00	2.00	24.00
29	20.00	2.00	2.00	24.00
30	13.00	2.00	5.00	20.00
31	18.00	1.00		19.00
32	12.00	1.00		13.00
33	20.00	2.00	5.00	27.00
34	11.00			11.00
35	20.00			20.00
36	20.00	1.00	2.00	23.00
37	15.00			15.00
38	20.00			20.00
39	20.00	4.00		24.00
40	20.00	2.00		22.00
41	18.00	1.00	2.00	21.00
42	18.00	1.00	2.00	21.00
43	18.00	2.00	3.00	23.00
44	18.00	3.00	2.00	23.00
45	4.00	1.00		5.00
46	12.00			12.00
47	16.00	2.00	3.00	21.00
48	20.00			20.00

## All Taxes Are Due November 1st, Each Year.

First half payable Nov. 1st to Dec. 30th. Second half payable on or before June 30th. If second half is paid on or before Dec. 30th, 5 per cent. rebate on second half. If none of the taxes are paid before Dec. 31st, 5 per cent. penalty on whole. If none of the taxes are paid June 30th, 5 per cent. additional penalty on whole. Five per cent. penalty on second half after June 30th. Tax sale on first Tuesday in September. The Sheriff collects all Personal Property Tax due and unpaid January 1st and July 1st, together with penalties and fees. Three years from the date of the sale the holder of the certificate will be entitled to a deed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the levies in Ford County, Kansas, for the year 1897.  
G. H. LAWRENCE, County Clerk.

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